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SUBJ: STARR KIDNAPPING: "EL TIEMPO" STORY

1. MARCH 30 NATIONAL EDITION OF "EL TIEMPO" CARRIES STORY ON STARR CASE FILED BY CORRESPONDENT IN VILLAVICENCIO AND HEADLINED "DID HE JOIN THE GUERRILLAS?". ARTICLE RECAPITULATES ACCOUNT OF STARR'S CAPTURE, REPEATS THE RUMOR ABOUT THE JAPANESE PLANE AND ADDS THE FOLLOWING: "ACCORDING TO THE TESTIMONY OF VARIOUS FARMERS GIVEN TO EL TIEMPO, A GRINGO WITH A LONG BEARD AND CARRYING A LONG RANGE RIFLE HAS COME TO DO MARKETING ON VARIOUS OCCASIONS IN THE AREA AROUND MESETAS AND MARACAIBO. IT APPEARS THAT STARR HAS JOINED UP WITH THE GUERRILLAS AFTER HAVING BEEN IN THEIR HANDS A WHOLE YEAR. THE FARMERS ADDED THAT A STRANGE PERSON ALWAYS COMES TO DO MARKETING AND REFUSES TO SPEAK, NO DOUBT IN ORDER TO AVOID BEING IDENTIFIED." THE ARTICLE ADDS THAT "EL TIEMPO" TRIED TO VERIFY THIS STORY WITH THE MILITARY AUTHORITIES BUT THE LATTER DECLINED TO MAKE ANY STATEMENT.

2. EMBASSY WILL CONTACT GOC AUTHORITIES AND ASK THEIR ASSISTANCE IN CHECKING OUT STORY.
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